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Dear Mr. Todd and Dr. Browne:

RE: *Abandonment of Hazardous Waste at TA-21, Buildings 3 & 4 North*

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issues the enclosed Compliance Order to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Regents of the University of California (Regents), pursuant to the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act, NMSA 1978 §74-4-10 (Repl. Pamp. 1993). The Compliance Order is issued because Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) has failed to comply with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20 NMAC 4.1). The violations are specifically set out in the Compliance Order and the Compliance Order sets out a schedule of compliance required of LANL. LANL may be subject to additional civil penalties for each day of noncompliance with the schedule of compliance, as set forth in §74-4-10, NMSA.

Any inquiries concerning this Compliance Order should be directed to Mr. John M. Tymkowych, RCRA Enforcement/Inspection Program Manager, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department, at (505) 827-1508.

Sincerely,

/s/

Ed Kelley, Ph.D., Director
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cc: Benito Garcia, Bureau Chief, HRMB
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